

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

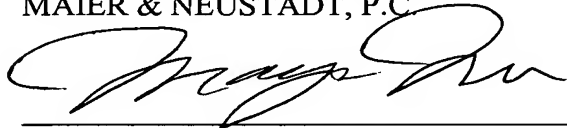
Claims 2-5 are presently active in this case. Claims 1 and 6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Reithel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,942,103) in view of Kamio et al. (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. S63-129322). Claims 2-5 were indicated as allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowance of Claims 2-5.

In response to the above-noted rejection, Claims 1 and 6 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so that only allowed Claims 2-5 are pending. Thus, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. It is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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